

Industrial Insurance Chiropractic Advisory Committee (IICAC) Meeting Minutes
Date: April 17, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (including parent and subsequent subcommittee meetings)



Final

Present:

Robert Baker, DC, by phone
Clay Bartness, DC
Lissa Grannis, DC, by phone
J.F. Lawhead, DC
Mike Neely, DC
William Pratt, DC
Ron Wilcox, DC
Bob Mootz, DC
Leah Hole-Marshall, JD
Janet Blume
Joanne McDaniel
Bintu Marong
Dan Hansen, DC, Advisor
Guest: Karen Jost, PT

General Business

Minutes: **Moved, Seconded, and Carried (MSC)**, the 1/15/2015 minutes were approved as written.

PEO Subcommittee: Ron Wilcox, DC

A documentation best practices resource is being prepared targeted for completion in summer 2015. It was requested by Dr. Franke to provide a reliable source of information on the requirements for documentation to be in the Medical Provider Network (MPN). The MPN Review Committee can refer to it for cases where documentation quality has been a problem. The literature review is underway and drafts are being prepared.

This subcommittee provided 13 hours of training to over 80 chiropractors at the Grant-Adams County Chiropractic Society on 4/25 and 26/2015 in Moses Lake. Topics covered fundamentals of workers' compensation and Chiropractic Consultation programs to meet training pre-requisite requirements for applicants to the Consultant program.

The Federal, Tribal, and Other Coverage table is complete and will soon be published by L&I.

PPQ Subcommittee: J Lawhead, DC reported the Foot and Ankle practice resource draft is reaching completion with input from medical, orthopedic, podiatric and chiropractic consultants. It is expected that the draft will be ready to be reviewed by the entire IICAC committee as well as IIMAC in May. Representatives of the Washing State Podiatric Medical Association have also agreed to review and offer input. After a final draft is completed, it will be posted for public comment and the subcommittee will consider comments, make final revisions and bring it to the July IICAC meeting for approval. Once approved, L&I will post it and make application for inclusion of it in the National Guideline Clearinghouse.

Upcoming projects include updating the Active Rehabilitation for Low Back conditions resource and working with IIMAC to develop a best practice for Biopsychosocial Consideration in Occupational Health.

Department Updates from Bob Mootz, DC:

- Bintu Marong, epidemiologist, is leaving L&I for a promotion at Department of Health. IICAC gave her a round of enthusiastic applause in recognition of her vast accomplishments helping generate practice resources.
- The legislative session is ending. L&I is still following the Catastrophic Care bill.
- Quality of chiropractic care for Network inclusion: Documentation quality in chiropractic records continues to be a particular problem for L&I. There is uncertainty that lower quality documentation itself is a predictor or cause of poor quality care. Additionally, excessive utilization services have been considered problematic, but its association with poor quality outcomes is uncertain as well. A work group including Drs. Bill Pratt, Bob Mootz, and Rande Franke has been working on developing a more meaningful approach to assess quality of chiropractic care that may be a template for assessing conservative care generally. Utilization of imaging, extent of time loss, among other factors, are being considered in data pulls of L&I billing records to see if some basic screening criteria might be developed to assess need for individualized review during network re-credentialing.

Vision 20-20: Leah Hole-Marshall, JD

L&I is currently undergoing a strategic planning effort to prioritize resources for OMD and HSA to achieve greater success in L&I's mission to:

- Reduce the number of long term disability claims,
- Prevent disability (a key health policy issue), and
- Assure workers are treated by high quality providers.

Vision categories include: purchasing for quality; Medical Provider Network, and Program access. Both an internal workgroup and Marsh consultants have assessed the current state of L&I programs and are assessing other industry-wide best practices. A completed report is expected in May with recommendations available thereafter.

IICAC 5-year Vision: Dan Hansen, DC, Consultant

The IICAC executive committee produced two draft work products for review:

- Considerations for Chiropractic Nominations to the IICAC
- IICAC 5-year plan Vision

The executive committee took feedback to incorporate into a revised vision. Further work will occur at the July meeting.

Next meeting: July 23, 2015 topics:

- Business meeting:
 - Subcommittee reports
 - Department Updates
 - Foot and Ankle Practice Resource
 - Evidence-based care training
- Retreat breakout:
 - IICAC's 5-year vision